

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IV.F.

From: Jeff Long, Chief of Police

Action ☒

Discussion ☐

Date: September 3, 2013

Information ☐

Subject: Resolution No. 2013-68 Authorizing Donation of Used Tactical SWAT Vests to Hennepin County Ambulance.

Action Requested:

Approve the Resolution to donate the used Tactical SWAT vests.

Information / Background:

Our SWAT Officers are assigned special "Tactical Vests" for ballistic protection and equipment storage. The vests have a five year warranty. We have vests that were purchased in 2004, the warranty expired in 2009. Once the warranty expires the manufacturer will no longer guarantee ballistic protection.

We continued to use the vests through 2012, as we had no funding to replace this protective gear. The manufacturer's rep. told us that although the warranty is expired, unless they are worn every day, they will provide protection for a long period of time beyond the warranty date. Regardless, they will not guarantee their product after five years.

In 2012 an individual donated funds to purchase new vests. We have been looking for an agency that has no vests, or funding for vests, that would be interested in taking possession of the expired equipment. Hennepin County Ambulance has expressed an interest in using these as extra protection. The phrase "something is better than nothing" applies here. As the rep. told us, these vests will provide protection even though they are not under warranty any longer. New vests cost \$2,450.00 each.

We would request that you approve the transfer of ownership of these vests from the City of Edina to Hennepin County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-68
DONATING USED TACTICAL SWAT VESTS**

WHEREAS, Edina Police Department has used Tactical Swat Vests that have been replaced and it wishes to donate this protective gear to Hennepin County Ambulance.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 471.85 allows the governing body of a city to authorize the transfer of city-owned personal property to another public entity; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Edina City Council authorizes the donation of the above mentioned Tactical SWAT Vests to Hennepin County Ambulance.

Dated: September 3, 2013

Attest: _____
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS
CITY OF EDINA)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of September 3, 2013, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this _____ day of _____, _____.

City Clerk